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President Supports

Disabled Fighters

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fourteen District offices of the Board are getting in direct contact with them. Cases are being surveyed in a most thorough manner, not only by experts of the Federal Board, but each individual case is carefully considered by an employer, a representative of labor and a physician in the home district of the man. Every effort is being made to train and place each man in an occupation which is most suitable and in which he is most likely to be satisfied and successful.

Within the next few months it is expected that several thousands of disabled men will be taking training under jurisdiction of the Federal Board and at the expense of the government. Those who had been actually placed in training on December 10th were taking courses in a wide range of trades and professions, including twenty-seven different occupations. Industrial schools, colleges, offices and shops located throughout the country are being utilized so that most of the men are being trained close to their own homes. Thirty-one per cent. of the total now in training are taking commercial courses; seventeen per cent. are learning the various phases of agriculture, farm management, poultry raising, dairying, etc. Others are studying law, medicine, banking, and some are being trained in engineering, telegraphy, tailoring, window trimming and designing, accounting, store management, machine shop practice, meat inspection and traffic management.

OFFICERS—NURSES BALL.

The important social event of New Year's eve at this Post will be the ball which is to be given under the combined auspices of the Graduate Nurses and the Officers. It will be held in the Auditorium of the new Y. M. C. A. building, which will be decorated for the occasion. The "patients' orchestra"—that illustrious trio which has been winning such fame, locally—has promised to officiate on this occasion, thereby making certain that the party will be a lively one.

The Committee in charge of the ball includes Capt. McCollum, Lieut. Fust and Miss Triple. They are planning several surprise numbers for the evening.

A Very Merry Christmas

And

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

ALBERT LEON

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NCO Committee Announces

Jazz Music for Dancers

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While only 400 people may attend the ball, it is announced that the sale of tickets is open to all, the policy of first-come, first-served having been adopted. Tickets are being sold by the committee members, Sergeant Maslon, Sergeant Davidson and Corporal Hruby, and Sergeants Hinkle and Cross.

The Commanding Officer has accepted an invitation to attend. Others to be asked are Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, and the heads of various departments.

The club members held a meeting Monday night and viewed a silver cup offered to the club by Sergeant Maxim A. Maximoff, in appreciation of his election to membership. It will be formally presented next Monday night.

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A NEW YEAR BEFORE US.

We are now in that comparatively quiet zone which always asserts itself after some great and intense struggle. The torrential stream has raced madly down the side of the hill and now flows quietly through the level field save now and then when it encounters a bend in the channel, where it gives forth a few whirls indicating controlled power.

It is not to be expected that the coming year will have for us anything to compare with the thrills, fears, hopes, sorrows or achievements of that most memorable 12-month period now drawing to a close. The world cannot distort itself beyond recognition on short notice. It must prepare and practice for its orgies of bloodshed even as it must prepare for the annual reproduction of its beautiful flowers and forests. So it might be assumed with safety that we, who have lived through and participated in the history-making days of 1918 will never see its equal unless all chronological precedent is shattered and the Allied cause was fought in vain.

This, then, should be a time of serious resolutions and solemn purpose of perseverance. It is the beginning of a stretch of time which should see all who so desire discharged from the military and returned to civil life. The transition may seem almost as complete and, for a time, strange as were those early weeks spent in training camps. For many it will be an occasion for choosing a calling in life; for others a resumption of business relations which were dropped at the call to arms.

Those who are about to leave the service of the Government could well adopt the resolution, at this time, of studying and of applying, in the conduct of their own lives, the ideals and principles which brought America into the war. They might well consider the altruism which prompted America to cast aside all thoughts of personal gain and risk everything in a struggle against the enemies of righteousness.

They may be applied, with profit, to the conduct of the individual life, for, as nations come face to face with situations which involve a decision between right and wrong, so does the individual encounter problems, the

solving of which calls for a display of character, or the lack of it.

Whatever may be the resolutions of the soldier at this season, there should be no difficulty in carrying them out successfully. The man who has spent any time in service has learned that obedience and perseverance are the factors which convert the raw material into the finished product. In this case the individual may be both commander and company and through faithful adherence to his own firm resolutions, make the coming year one of achievement and, therefore, of happiness.

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THE DESIRE FOR LEARNING.

In the early days of our participation in the war it was remarked frequently and with visible authority that the training camps were arousing a tremendous enthusiasm for education among a great number of men who, hitherto, had evidenced little or no desire for mental attainment. Practically every center of training had its special schools for the enlightenment of those who through lack of opportunity or failure to apply themselves, had made little progress along educational lines.

Now, that the active carrying on of war work has come to a close, the question of education becomes even more important. Education and Americanization are so closely allied in our present scheme of participation in world affairs, that to neglect the intellectual development of our millions might well cause misunderstanding, not to say a complete dimming, of the ideals which caused us to send our youth on to the field of battle. We find pleasure in reminding ourselves that, at last, ours is one great and united nation, harmonious in ideals and purpose. Yet, we must not forget that, even as before the war, we are composed of a multitude of tongues, each unintelligible to a vast quantity of our national population and each translating the national thought according to the conveniences of its particular language.

If we are to gain national unity and acquire the full benefits of the struggle which has just drawn to a close, we must, as Secretary Lane says in his annual report, "be taught to read and write and think in one language; this is a primary condition to the growth which all nations expect of us and which we demand of ourselves."

The report offers a few startling statistical facts which should be of particular interest to the hundreds of people hereabouts who have taken such an active part in the battle for democracy:

"What should be said of a democracy which sends an army to preach democracy wherein there was drafted out of the first 2,000,000 men a total of 200,000 men who could not read their orders, or understand them when delivered, or read the letters sent them from home?

"What should be said of a democracy which permits tens of thousands of its native-born children to be taught American history

in a foreign language—the Declaration of Independence and Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech in German and other tongues?

"What should be said of a democracy which permits men and women to work in masses where they seldom or never hear a word of English spoken?

"Yet this is all true of the United States of America in this year of grace 1918, wherein was fought the second Battle of the Marne and the Battle of the Argonne Forest."

In this hospital, as in all other Reconstruction Hospitals, there is a very well equipped school for the special benefit of soldiers who need general or specific training in order to prepare them for their return to civil life. It is a new procedure in the conduct of war; its novelty is equalled only by its success. It is the duty of every soldier to investigate its offerings and learn in what manner he may be helped in his very serious obligation of being an American citizen.

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WHEN I COME HOME.

When I come home, and leave behind Dark things I would not call to mind, I'll taste good ale and home-made bread, And see white sheets and pillows spread. And there is one who'll softly creep To kiss me 'neath the counterpane, And I shall be a boy again.

When I come home!

When I come home, from dark to light And tread the roadways long and white, And tramp the lanes I tramped of yore, And see the village greens once more, The tranquil farms, the meadows free, And friendly trees that nod to me, And hear the lark 'neath the sun, 'Twill be good pay for what I've done

When I come home!

—Leslie Coulson.

(Killed in Action, Oct. 7th, 1918.)

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"You gotta give it to me," said the soldier as he marched from one recreation house to another, accepting Christmas packages.

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The Officer who signs the passes should rejoice that Christmas comes but once a year.

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Discharged soldiers may keep the uniform and overcoat they are wearing at the time. It would be just our luck to be in swimming when the release papers are delivered.

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Our hatred of Turkey subsides remarkably when we gather round the Christmas table.

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The Non-Com. Club has come out flat-footed in favor of dancing. The vote will be counted January 11 at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Plainfield Choir Sings At Hospital Midnight Mass

St. Mary's choir, of Plainfield, journeyed to the hospital Christmas eve and sang midnight mass for the patients, officers, nurses and detachment men who remained within the post for Christmas. Rosewig's mass in F was selected, together with the Christmas anthems, "And There Were Shepherds," "Adeste Fidelis" and "Oh Holy Night."

Lieut. John F. Reilly, chaplain, celebrated the mass and preached a splendid Christmas sermon to the congregation which packed the building. Miss Mary Smith was organist and leader of the choir. The soloists were Albert F. LaRock, bass; Miss Mary Donnelly, soprano, and Miss Eleanor McCarthy, alto. There was a chorus of twenty voices.

At the close of the mass the choir members were taken to the patients' mess hall by Capt. Schindlwein and offered refreshments.

The singers were transported both ways by the Montclair Motor Corps in charge of Lieutenant Rowan. Two ambulances and a station wagon were used in the work. Deep appreciation is felt for the choir's kindness in offering its services and also for the long hours of work put in by the Motor Corps in providing the necessary transportation.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

A Basketball League is being formed among the men of the Detachment and there will be a representative team from each Detachment. Captain Spiegel, Commander of the Detachment, is taking a great interest in this athletic program, and has announced that a silver cup will be awarded the winning team. All who are anxious to try out for the teams are urged to hand in their names to any one of the following named Non-Commissioned Officers:

Barrack 1—Sergeant Hinkle.
Barrack 2—Sergeant Haughawout.
Barrack 3—Corporal Osoba.
Barrack 4—Sergeant Maslon.
Barrack 5—Sergeant Graham.

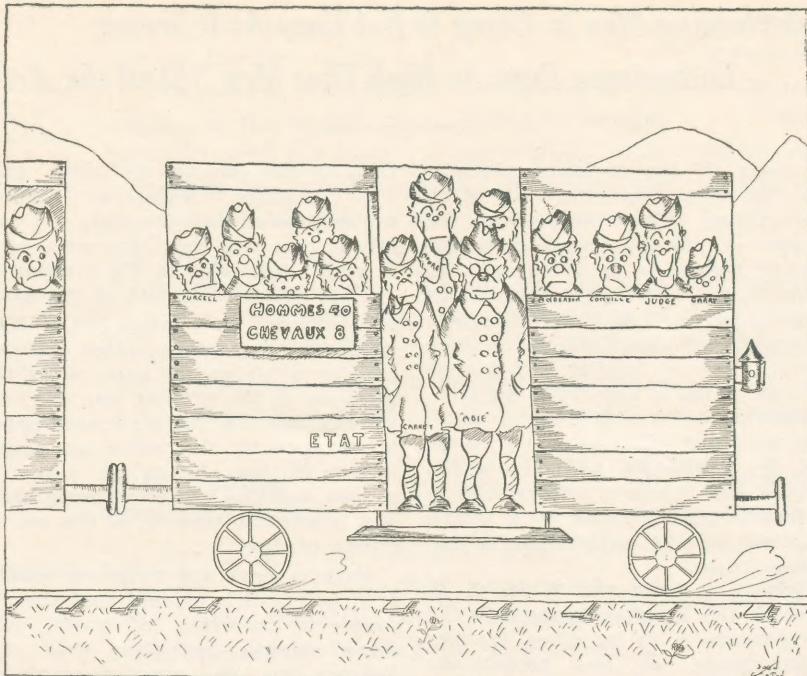
GIFT TO MERCY HOUSE.

The little children attending Mrs. Bunn's School, Rahway, have sent a poinsettia to the Mercy House Canteen. The letter which accompanied the gift, stated that the children "went without their own Christmas treat, to give it to the soldiers instead." The plant occupies a prominent position on the cashier's desk.

Men in Wards 24 and 21 gathered in 21 Tuesday evening, and enjoyed a Christmas tree celebration in charge of Miss Twybell, the nurse. A large number of these men have just returned from overseas and are unable to go home for Christmas because of recent amputations, and other operations. The nurse "neglected" all her former friends this year and spent all her available cash on the men in the wards. And the investment was appreciated.

IT'S A FAIR QUESTION.

Lieutenant Dovell would like to know who originated the expression, "Automobiling is a pleasure." Have you seen the car, boys? (Attention Lieutenant Sybenga.)



"OUR SEASON IN FRANCE"

Posed by Pursell, Carney, Moore, "Abie," Anderson, Conville, Judge, Garry, and others.

BARRACK BUNK.

Ansel complains that he can never get a pass on the same day his white collar is white.

Pat Thornton has sent for his accordion. Life is not strenuous enough, he says, and since he has not the time to work on the coal pile, he is taking his second favorite form of exercise.

Sergeant Federman was, so to speak, unintentionally jostled by a broom which was, as it were, dropped in a precipitate manner by a party or parties as yet unidentified. The Sergeant has made no complaint, but we hope if he catches the perpetrator he runs him through the mangle at the laundry and has him accordeon plaited or plaited accordingly.

Lance Corporal Fritch, who has been appointed night ward inspector (including Nurses' Quarters), is about the only man in camp who hasn't made any kick about his discharge papers being delayed.

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* IN CASE OF ARREST *
* BLAME THIS ON THE Q. Ms. *
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Brognon has applied to the Penn R. R. for a job as train caller.

When Kezar arrived here he mistook the radiators for flower stands. (Note: He is from Io-way.)

Why is it that the more trucks we have in camp, the fewer there are available for service. (Note to Sgt. Keethler: Please don't blame this on us.—The Editor.)

Private Oppenheimer says that the more he sees of the hair-cuts issued at the Hospital Tonsorial Parlor, the more he believes in Darwin's theory.

CLASS ROOM UTTERANCES.

"Fust" in the hearts of the Student Nurses is Bacteriology.

Bathing removes all skin and is very beneficial to the general health.

Tight clothing causes backbone and a state of chronic digestion.

David Lemburg was having his first day of drill and the Lieutenant was in charge. Lemburg listened to the officer's oft-repeated "left, right, left, right," until he could stand it no longer. Then he said, "What's the matter, Lieutenant, you change your mind so often?"

WARD ROOMERS.

Delaney's health improves constantly. Two causes are named: (1) Holiday passes; (2) the publication of his picture in the Philly North American.

Longo was the most irritated man in France last year, during the cold and coalless winter. He had left a job as coal miner to join the Army, and when he thought of the tons he used to handle at home and then couldn't find any in France—Zowie!

Donley, of Manchester, N. H., is opposed to OVER HERE, as well as all other papers. He said if it had not been for the durned newspapers, Manchester never would have heard of the war.

Private Higgins, of Ward 30, was an undertaker at Mount Carmel, Pa., when he joined the Army. His friends say that all Germans looked like stiffs to Higgins.

"Butch" Mervine sprung a new one the other day. He said, "Them discharge papers can't come any too soon for me."

SALVATION MARY.

I danced with lovely Geraldine,
Philandered with Estella,
And dallied on the primrose path
With charming Isabella,
But lo! of Master Cupid's snare
Was still extremely wary,
Until I crossed the sea to France
And met Salvation Mary.

Her face was like an English rose
Beneath the dark blue bonnet
That bore the lettered army band,
The only trimming on it.

Cf doughnuts she was prodigal,
But of her favors chary,
And every soldier fell in love
With sweet Salvation Mary.

She served us smiling all day long,
Was never cross or weary,
And when she went the world became
A desert dark and dreary.

I'm mustered out of khaki now
And trappings military,
But still my heart is over there
With dear Salvation Mary.

—MINNA IRVING.

SERGEANT STACK RETURNS.

Sergeant Harry G. Stack, Medical Department, has returned from Yale, where he was taking a special course preparatory to being commissioned. The signing of the armistice caused a change in plans and he has returned to his duties at the laboratory.

In order to permit an inventory to be taken, the Medical and Quartermaster Supply depots will be closed from December 31 to January 9th, inclusive. Officers in wards and departments are directed to adjust their requisitions in advance of December 31, so they will have supplies while the depots are closed.

GIRLS AND CAKE

The girls of the Social Workers' Club, of the Standard Aircraft Corporation, of Elizabeth, N. J., caused an unusually merry evening here on December 18, when they appeared at the K. C. House in an act, which according to our most prominent Faithful Feeders, should be termed "Free Eats." It was the first of the Christmas parties. There were a couple of dozen girls in the delightful number, which consisted mostly of strolling up and down the aisle and handing out large parcels containing cake, candy, smokes and the name of one of the girls. While no weddings have been reported, there are reasons for believing that new romances were started, especially since the girls insisted that they, themselves, made the cakes.

"Col." Gates, impresario of the K. C. House, was in fine form and made several speeches, which none of the boys heard owing to the preponderance of girls and cakes.

Sergeant Maslon won the gold cuff links which were awarded to the holder of the lucky number. He is using the links as an argument for early discharge from the Army in order that he may have opportunity to wear them.

Private First Class David Bernstein, of the dispensary, was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal, in a hospital order issued December 17.

YE WILDE BEESTE.

Private Melkerson, of Barrack 1, had a wild encounter last Friday night, when, after a long struggle and with no weapon except a wood trap, he slew three Peromyscus Leucopuses which had gathered in his squad room and were waiting to pounce upon their prey. One of them looked just like the brute that gnawed a hole in Private Randolph's O. D. coat.

Several hundred copies of "The Exhaust," published by the Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, N. J., were left at the Red Cross House, Thursday, by Corporal Walter Joseph Waldron, assistant business manager, and Private Charles Ross Anthony, assistant editor. "The Exhaust" is one of the most interesting camp papers being published in this country and its distribution at the Red Cross House should provide interesting reading for the hundreds of wounded men who go there daily.

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St. John—Why not?

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